

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1029 - HB 1125

March 9, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines a “municipality” to mean an incorporated town or city having a population of at least 925, rather than 1,000 persons, for the purposes of intoxicating liquor law provisions. Removes the requirement for local government officials to certify that an applicant for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail will not, under their opinion, violate any of the intoxicating liquor law provisions. Requires that a non-resident seller’s permit is obtained for any person that sells or distributes alcoholic beverages to any state-licensed manufacturer, and not just to any state-licensed wholesaler. Deletes the definition of a “restaurant” in jurisdictions that have elected a Tennessee River Resort District (TRRD) status which currently states that such restaurant means a restaurant with indoor seating capacity of at least 40 and outdoor seating capacity of at least 75. Deletes obsolete provisions regarding sales of alcoholic beverages by druggists and physicians and regarding soft drinks containing alcohol.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) and the Department of Revenue, it is determined that the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at retail or for on-consumption premises.
- As a result, any impact on ABC licensing fees or state and local tax revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- Further, any increase in non-resident seller’s permit fee collections to the ABC Fund for requiring a permit for any person that sells or distributes alcoholic beverages to any state-licensed manufacturer is estimated to be not significant.
- No additional personnel or resources will be required by the ABC.
- Deleting the outdated and obsolete provisions regarding sales of alcoholic beverages by druggists and physicians and regarding soft drinks containing alcohol will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Department of Agriculture, which is currently the entity in charge of enforcing those provisions.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly legible.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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